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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/671,413	HAJJI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2003.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
     1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
     2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
     3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1 page</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|   | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .                                  |

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14 – 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0114437 (Nabkel et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,044,403 (Gerszberg et al.).

With respect to claims 1, 11, 14, 19, 25 and 27 – 30, note that Nabkel et al. teach a telephone system which provides an automated voice interface (note announcement device in Fig. 1), permitting the user to verbally specify an object corresponding to predefined objectives (paragraphs 0008 and 0011) including directory assistance (paragraph 0012) and the node acts to implement the object (the above and 0022). As shown above Nabkel et al. teach the claimed limitations except for after

receiving the information desired conducting further action such as connecting a call to a third party. However, note that Gerszberg et al. teach an information or directory service that after receiving enough information can present the information, such as a requested phone number and automatically connect the caller to a third party (see Col. 23, lines 4 – 54 of Gerszberg et al.). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such a platform as taught by Gerszberg into the Nabkel et al. device as such would only entail the substitution of one known service platform for another.

With respect to claims 2 and 20, note the above and Abstract of Nabkel et al.

With respect to claims 3 and 21, note paragraphs 0020, 0012 and 0032 of Nabkel et al.

With respect to claims 4 – 5, 7 and 22 - 23, note Fig. 4 and paragraphs 0018 and 0030 of Nabkel et al.

With respect to claims, such would be inherent in a wireless system.

With respect to claim 8, such a limitation would be inherent in an AIN system.

With respect to claim 9, such verification is inherent unless the service is free which is not the way business is done.

With respect to claims 10 and 24 note paragraph 0030 of Nabkel et al.

With respect to claims 12 and 26, note paragraph 0026 of Nabkel et al.

With respect to claim 13, note 0028 of Nabkel et al.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S. Patent No. 6,373,817 (Kung et al.) – note Figs. and Abstract;

U.S. Patent No. 6,400,804 (Bilder) - note Figs. and Abstract;

U.S. Patent No. 5,222,120 (Mcleod et al.) - note Figs. and Abstract;

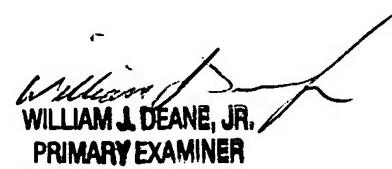
U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0161464 (Rodriguez et al.) - note Figs. and Abstract;

U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0108184 (Brown et al.) - note Figs. and Abstract; and

U.S. Patent Application no. 2001/0012335 (Kaufman et al.) - note Figs. and Abstract.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (571) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (571) 273-8300.

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